

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 3, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Eternal God, in Whom we place our trust, we begin this new month of March with hearts and minds filled with enthusiasm, confidence and hope. In these exciting times, we pray for the wisdom and the knowledge to recognize and address correctly the opportunities and challenges which come to our attention as elected leaders. In resolving current and future issues in our society and communities, inspire us to remain faithful to our philosophy of life, our personal values and principles and our personal life-long goals. Teach us to be good listeners to the variety of voices in our districts as we plan together to meet the current and future needs of all people in these turbulent times.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Callahan of Sutton.

A statement of Ms. Callahan of Sutton was spread upon the records of the House as follows:

Statement of
Representative
Callahan of
Sutton.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for a portion of the sitting of Thursday last due to official business in another part of the State House. Any roll calls that I may have missed that day was due entirely to the reason stated. If I had been present for yea and nay Nos. 271 and 272, I would have voted, in each instance, in the affirmative.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Diamond
Michael
Fortini.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Diamond Michael Fortini on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

William
Russell
Fortini.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring William Russell Fortini on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Matthew
Culver
Gleysteen.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Matthew Culver Gleysteen on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Joseph Nicolì Kenworthy on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Joseph
Nicolì
Kenworthy.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to transferring county sheriffs to the Commonwealth (House, No. 4498), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had NON-concurred with the House in its reference to the committee on the Judiciary. The message bore the further endorsement that it had been referred, in NON-concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

County
sheriffs.

On motion of Mr. Costello of Newburyport, the House then receded from its reference and concurred with the Senate in its reference to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 788) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to agricultural production and profitability, came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had refused to accept, in concurrence, a report of the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue.

Agricultural
production.

On motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the House then receded from its action; and the petition was returned to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, in the town of Shirley, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Souza-
Baranowski
Correctional
Center.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2519) of Stephen M. Brewer and Lewis G. Evangelidis (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the Recreation Revolving Fund in the town of Rutland, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Rutland,
revolving
fund.

A petition of Therese Murray, Richard T. Moore, Mark C. Montigny, Karen E. Spilka and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote cost containment, transparency and efficiency in the delivery of quality health care, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Senate Rule 20 and Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Quality
health
care.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rules; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2526) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—
February 22, 2008.

Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate, has announced her appointment of Senators John A. Hart, Jr., and Harriette L. Chandler to the Massachusetts Life Sciences Talent Initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 4002, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning a parcel of land in Quincy (House, No. 4568).

By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 1844, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning height and weight discrimination (House, No. 4569). Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to flea market venders (House, No. 288).

Life
Sciences
Talent
Initiative.

Quincy,
land.

Height
and weight
discrimination,
study.

Flea
market
venders.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, No. 544 and House, Nos. 793, 864, 872 and 894, a Bill to require producer responsibility for collection and recycling of discarded electronic products (House, No. 4570).

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to standards and qualifications for the position of fire chief or chief engineer in cities, towns, fire districts, or authorities (House, No. 2396, changed in section 1, in line 9, by inserting after the word “Laws”, the words “and approved by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security”).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Wakefield to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (see Senate, No. 1650) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o’clock A.M.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

Electronic
products,
recycling.

Fire chiefs
and
engineers.

Bill
enacted.

Next
sitting.